

FORM B - BUILDING

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1142,1143

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
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Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village) Upper Meriam Hill

Address 36 Woodland Road

Historic Name George M. Davis & Bessie Fuller House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1916

Source Lexington Valuation Lists

Style/Form

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation rubble

Wall/Trim wood shingles

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

garage (1928) -MHC #1143

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 10,610 SF

Setting early 20th century residential neighborhood

Sketch Map



Recorded by Lisa Mausolf

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) June 2000

Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

## BUILDING FORM (36 Woodland Road)

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

The house at 36 Woodland Road (MHC #1142) is a 2 1/2-story, 3 x 2-bay, side-gabled dwelling which is sheathed in wood shingles and rests on a rubble foundation. The building's most distinctive feature is undoubtedly the unusual shingle pattern which alternates courses of shingles with wide reveals alternating with courses with narrow reveals. The shingle courses at the base of the gable and between the first and second stories are flared slightly. The center entrance contains a wooden door with 4 x 2-lights over a single panel, set into a molded surround. The gabled entrance porch is supported by thin Roman Doric columns resting on a wooden deck and stone foundation. The porch displays a wide frieze with cornice returns and shingles filling the gable. The porch has latticed sides and side benches. The wooden steps have modern wrought iron railings. On either side of the entrance there is a pair of 6/1 windows. The upper story of the facade is punctuated by three individual 6/1 windows. Both the north and south gable ends are spanned by sunporches lit by continuous 6/1 windows set above a shingled base and stone foundation. The left porch is slightly larger while the right porch incorporates a rear porch with Roman Doric column.

To the south of the house is a single car gablefront garage (MHC #1143) which was constructed in 1928. It is sheathed in novelty siding and retains its original double doors; each leaf has 4 x 2 panes over four vertical panels. A stone wall marks the rear property line.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

This house was constructed in 1917 for George Davis and Bessie Fuller on lot 4 of Part A of the Oakmount Park subdivision (a plan was developed in 1903). Directories indicate that Mr. Davis worked as an office manager. George Davis continued to live in the house until the 1940s. Later owners included Girard and Marion Troland (c.1960-c.1980). The property was conveyed to Townsend Troland in 1992 after Girard Troland's death.

Woodland Avenue was known as St. Margaret Avenue until the mid 1920s.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.

Lexington Directories, various dates.

Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.

*Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

# INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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